(ग) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

खान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलराम सिंह यादव) : (क) से (ग) खनन पट्टाधारियों से खनिजों पर रायल्टी राज्य सरकारों द्वारा सीधे ही प्राप्त की जाती है । केन्द्रीय सरकार का न तो इसमें कोई हिस्सा होता है और न ही केन्द्रीय सरकार राज्य सरकार को किसी रायल्टी का भुगतान करती है ।

गरशा से नरौल तक सड़क का निर्माण

3421. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह** : क्या खान मंत्री 30 अप्रैल, 1993 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 610 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार गरशा से नरौल तक सड़क के निर्माण हेतु धनराशि आवंटित करने का विचार रखती है ताकि भारतीय भू-वैज्ञानिक सर्वेक्षण द्वारा क्षेत्र में तांबे के भंडारों के संबंध में किए जाने वाले सर्वेक्षण तथा अन्वेषण कार्य हेतु सुविधा उपलब्ध हो सके ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब तक; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

खान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलराम सिंह यादव) : (क) से (ग) गरशा से नरौल तक सड़क बनाने के लिए हिमाचल प्रदेश राज्य सरकार उत्तरदायी है क्योंकि यह सड़क एक राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग नहीं है ।

COMPLAINTS AGAINST SENIOR OFFICERS OF BALCO

3422. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI : Will the Minister of MINIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently received complaints against senior officers of BALCO, KONHA, including its C.M.D.; and

(b) is so, what action has been initiated on the said complaints ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) and (b) Representations/complaints have been received against sen or officers including Board level officers of Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO). Such representations/complaints are examined as per usual procedure followed in such cases.

SIGNING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY BALCO

3423. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of MINES be please to state :

(a) whether the Korba Complex of Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) has signed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Central Government for 1993-94;

(b) if so, whether the target set in Memorandum of Understanding for the production of saleable aluminium during 1993-94 upto the first quarter of the current year has been achieved; indicating also production of hot metal Korba smelter; and

(c) whether BALCO's cold rolling mill, which was in the final stage of modernisation, has started producing products with superior finish, if so, with what response in the open market, the details of such products which were developed through in house research by BALCO ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The target set under the category 'Very Good' in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the production of saleable aluminium during the first quarter of 1993-94 has almost been achieved. The production of Hot metal during the same period is 22,287 tonnes.

(c) The Cold Rolling Mill has started producing improved quality of products after modernisation which have found wide

acceptability in the market. BALCO has successfully developed five bar chequered plate and rolled products for space applications through in house research.

PARTICIPATION OF FOREIGN COMPANIES IN MINING INDUSTRY

3424. SHRI SURESH PACHORI : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decides to allow equity participation of foreign companies exceeding 50 per cent non-captive mines so as to attract big multinationals in the country's mining industry;

(b) if so, how many foreign countries have welcomed this measure;

(c) The member of foreign companies have offered to partic pate; and

(d) What are the total foreign companies whose cases were cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) to (d) The National Mineral Policy placed before this House on 5-3-1993 liberalising further the conditions pertaining to foreign investment in the mining sector has generated interest amongst foreign mining companies. Under the Policy, equity participation over 50 per cent by foreign parties in non-captive mines can be considered on a case to rase basis. Effect of these will show after consequential amendments to the Mines & Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957, have been made.

MINING OF VALUABLE MINERAL IN CHHOTA NAGPUR KODRAMA AREAS IN BIHAR

3425. SHRI BRAHMADEO ANAND PASWAN : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for which Government do not initiate exploration/mining of those mineral Chhota Nagpur Kodrama area in Bihar already identified for illegal village mining activities with a view to exploring the natural wealth of the country;

(b) The reasons for which the Ministry has not established any rapport with the Ministry of Environment and Forests for finding out ways and means whereby exploration/mining work could be undertaken in these areas; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to ensure that the natural wealth in the area is explored unearthed for economic prosperity of the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected from the Government of Bihar and will be laid on the Table of the House.

जस्ता संयंत्र को आयातित कोयले की आपूर्ति

3426. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव :** क्या खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कोयले का आयात कर उसकी जस्ता संयंत्र को आपूर्ति की गयी जबकि देश में कोयले का प्रचुर भंडार उपलब्ध है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने संबंधित अधिकारियों की जवाबदेही निश्चित करने तथा उनके विरुद्ध कार्यवाही करने की दशा में क्या प्रयास किए हैं ?

खान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलराम सिंह यादव) : (क) और (ख) सरकार ने हिन्दुस्तान जिंक लि. द्वारा मैटालरजीकल कोक के आयात मामले की जांच करने के लिए एक जांच समिति बनाई है । समिति की रिपोर्ट की प्रतीक्षा है ।

PROCUREMENT OF SPARES AND TOOLS BY M.E.C.L.

3427. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd. had